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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Fumio TAMURA) Confirmation No.: 1603
Application No.: 09/976,033) Group Art Unit: 2654
Filed: October 15, 2001) Examiner: Donald G. Young
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
OF SPEECH RECOGNITION)
WHICH ACQUIRES SIMILARITIES)
BETWEEN INPUT SPEECH AND)
STORED OBJECT WORDS)
(As Amended))

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2005.
2. Additional papers enclosed:

Clean Version of Substitute Specification and Abstract
 Marked-Up Version of Substitute Specification and Abstract
 Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets
 Drawings: 12 sheets with 13 figures
 Information Disclosure Statement
 Form PTO-1449
 Citations
 Declaration of Biological Deposit
 Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee for <u>Extension</u>	[Fee for Small Entity]
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$450.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	8	minus	20	0	x \$50 each =	+ \$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	4	minus	4	0	x \$200 each =	+ \$0.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

6. Fee Payment

No fee is to be paid at this time.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450.00 for the two-month extension of time fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0573 for the _____ fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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